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Reference: ESMA-11616, 28 March 1955 K

Attached is a report by C stating that the East European Tribune has now become the Eastern Europe's Monitor; that Grigore MANDILESCU was ousted for embezzling publication funds on behalf of the Iron Guard; and that Constantin DRAGAN has agreed to subsidize the publication for the next two years.

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Attachment to EKMA-19230

SUBJECT: Financial Backing of the East European Tribune

SOURCE: [] from the Hungarian emigre, Toltan HAKKA, President of
the Association of Free Press

DOI : 4 August 1955

REF : Attachment C, EKMA-14816, dated 28 March 1955

- a. Constantin DRAGAN has agreed, by means of a contract signed in Frankfurt/Main in June 1955, to finance the Tribune for the next two years at the rate of 3000 DM monthly, to include costs and salaries. The paper will appear in 3000 copies and is to be distributed without charge. Instead of monthly publication as at present, however, the paper will be published every two months in an edition twice the present size.
- b. The editorial board of the Tribune is to consist of Victor STANKOVIC, Dimitar VALCHEV and Radko PARZANIN. STANKOVIC will be the responsible editor, while the business manager will be a Yugoslav, (name) PERADOVIC. DRAGAN reportedly imposed no political conditions on the editors. "Eastern Europe's Monitor"
- c. The paper will have its offices in a two-room apartment at Am Einlae 3, Munich.

Field Comment: a. The Tribune has appeared under a new name, Eastern Europe's Monitor; first issue July-August 1955.

b. On 20 September 1955, STANKOVIC told CANOFLAGE 730 that DRAGAN had split with Grigore MANOLESCU, former chairman of the editorial board of the Tribune, because MANOLESCU had embezzled money from the Tribune to give to the Iron Guard. STANKOVIC stated it was possible that the publishing of the Monitor would be moved to Verona, Italy, as an economic measure. STANKOVIC also expressed fear to [] that the association of VALCHEV, a right-winger, with the Monitor would harm its reputation in democratic circles.

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